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- 1. EMBASSY PREPARED PROCEED WITH NOMINATION PAKISTANI
 PARTICIPANT FOR MULTI-REGIONAL ENERGY ECONOMICS PROJECT BUT
 TO DATE FOR REASONS EXPLAINED BELOW HAS NOT OFFICIALLY APPROACHED
 GOP ANNOUNCING PROJECT. WE UNDERSTAND A WELL-QUALIFIED JOINT
 SECRETARY IN ENERGY SECTOR, PLANNING DIVISION, IS LIKELY TO BE
 PRINCIPAL CANDIDATE.
- 2. AFTER RECEIVING DEPARTMENT'S TALLY BALANCE OUR TENTATIVE ALLOCATION (REFTEL B) WE DECIDED TO GO AHEAD WITH ENERGY PROJECT AND REQUEST TRANSFER FROM CATEGORY 210 TO 260 ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS NEEDED TO ACTIVATE ONE MORE MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT. BEFORE IMPLEMENTING THIS WE CONSIDERED DEPARTMENT'S MESSAGE LABOR LEADERS PROGRAM (REFTEL C) AND ARE NOW IN QUANDRY. WE FIND EACH HAS INTERESTING POSSIBILITIES BUT WE CANNOT FUND BOTH.
- 3. WE DO NOTE THAT FOREIGN LABOR LEADERS PROJECT IS NOT YET ABSOLUTELY FIRM AND WE INFER THERE IS POSSIBILITY IT MAY NOT MATERIALIZE.

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4. FROM PAST PROGRAMMING DISCUSSIONS WE BELIEVE PROGRAMS

INVOLVING LABOR LEADERS TAKE SOME PRIORITY IN DEPARTMENT'S U.S. INTEREST AND IN PAST YEARS WE HAVE INCLUDED (BUT NEVER ACTIVATED) LABOR PROJECTS IN OUR COUNTRY PROPOSAL. IF THE DEPARTMENT HAS ANY STRONG PREFERENCES OUR PARTICIPATION ONE PROJECT OR OTHER WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING ITS VIEWS. IF WE ARE TO SEND PAKISTANI TO ENERGY ECONOMICS PROGRAM WE MUST MOVE QUICKLY. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE ASAP. BYROADE

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